

## **CITY OF KIRKLAND**

### **HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION**

#### **Minutes Commission Regular Meeting**

**August 22, 2023**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Jory Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Commissioners Melantha Jenkins, Jonathan Stutz, Sriram Rajagopalan, Cristian Liu, Gildas Cheung, Vice Chair Gabriella Lopez, and Chair Jory Hamilton

Commissioner Chloe Sow excused

Staff Present: Jen Boone, Human Services Manager; Antoinette Smith, Human Services Coordinator

Meeting Recorder: Amanda Judd, Human Services Coordinator

#### **3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Commissioner Sriram Rajagopalan read land acknowledgement. Commissioner Cristian Liu will read the acknowledgment at the September meeting.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Jory Hamilton requested a motion to approve the July 25, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Melantha Jenkins made a motion for approval. Commissioner Jonathan Stutz seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 1).

#### **5. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

None

#### **6. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

##### **a. 2023 Kirkland Health and Wellness Fair**

Cecilia Martinez-Vasquez from King County Promotores Network (KCPN) gave a presentation on the upcoming Health and Wellness Fair and its community-centric approach.

##### **b. Chabad of Kirkland**

Rabbi Chaim S. Rivkin from Chabad of Kirkland shared information regarding services and programming provided to Eastside communities.

## **7. BUSINESS**

### **a. 2024 Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing**

Human Services Manager Jen Boone provided a presentation on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and proposed distribution of CDBG funds for 2024. No attendees were present for public comment.

Chair Jori Hamilton called for a motion. Commissioner Sriram Rajagopalan made a motion to submit Human Services staff recommendations for the 2024 CDBG funding distribution to City Council. Commissioner Gildas Cheung seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 7 No: 0).

### **b. 2023 Human Services Commission Joint Meeting with City Council Human Services**

Human Services Manager Jen Boone outlined the process by which the Human Services Commission will meet jointly with City Council at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting and Commission discussed topics, trends, and information to be presented during the joint session.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **a. Commissioner Reports**

Chair Jory Hamilton shared about the Parks Measure that will be on the November 2023 ballot. City resources cannot be used to advocate for the proposition.

Chair Jory Hamilton also shared his work on the PTSA booster club for Juanita and Finn Hill and the need for volunteers for local schools.

### **b. Staff Reports**

Human Services Manager Jen Boone shared the following information regarding events and opportunities for Commissioners to participate in the community:

City Hall for All on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, staff will send out link with more information for those that want to participate.

Health Fair on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> for those that would like to volunteer or attend.

In response to hateful acts that occurred within Kirkland's parks and neighborhoods, the City released a statement and a locally-supported event will take place on Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to counter the acts with an outpouring of community support. Staff will share additional information of the City's statement and community-led event.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Jory Hamilton requested a motion to adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Melantha Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Cristian Liu. Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.